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THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT

ANY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE 25,000 SOVIET JEWS ANNUALLY

TRANSITING VIENNA WOULD PLACE UNDUE POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

BURDENS ON AUSTRIA.

RESPONDING TO PRESS REPORTS OF AN IMMINENT UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE US AND USSR ON EXPANDED SOVIET EMIGRATION, THE AUSTRIAN

GOVERNMENT ON TUESDAY APPROACHED THE US EMBASSY WITH A REQUEST

THAT ANY SUCH AGREEMENT PROVIDE FOR PROCESSING ADDITIONAL EMIGRANTS

IN ██████OTHER WESTERN NATIONS. CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S EMISSARY

SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSIT

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SITES IN THE NETHERLANDS, ITALY, OR EVEN DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM MOSCOW

TO ISRAEL.

AUSTRIA IS WILLING TO PROTECT AND PROCESS THE PRESENT FLOW OF

EMIGRES, BUT FEAR OF ARAB PRESSURE--INCLUDING POSSIBLE REPETITION

OF TERRORIST ACTION AGAINST THE TRANSIT SITE--HAS GENERATED

SIGNIFICANT DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO AUSTRIA'S CONSPICUOUS ROLE IN

FACILITATING THE EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS.   E-2 IMPDET.

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